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SUBJECT: OBASANJO LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER

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SEPTEMBER 1 TRANSMITTING LETTER FROM OBASANJO TO
PRESIDENT CARTER AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN QUOTE:

MY DEAR PRESIDENT CARTER,

I ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS, RECEIPT OF YOUR RECENT MESSAGE
REGARDING YOUR PROPOSALS FOR A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT
SADAT AND PRIME MINISTER BEGIN AT CAMP DAVID SCHEDULED
FOR SEPTEMBER 6TH, 1978. I AM INDEED GRATEFUL THAT
YOU WERE ABLE TO KEEP ME INFORMED OF THE CURRENT
DEVELOPMENTS, AND YOUR CONTINUOUS EFFORTS TO FIND A
LASTING SOLUTION TO THIS THORNY PROBLEM. IT IS OUR
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SINCERE WISH THAT THE OBJECTIVES OF THE FORTHCOMING
MEETING WILL BE ACHIEVED.

AS YOU VERY WELL KNOW, OUR POSITION ON THIS MATTER REMAINS
UNCHANGED. OUR CONSISTENT STAND ON THE WHOLE MIDDLE EAST
QUESTION HAS BEEN, AND IS, THAT ANY LASTING SOLUTION
MUST BE WITHIN THE GENERAL FRAMEWORK OF THE SECURITY

COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242. TO THIS END, ISRAEL MUST IN
EFFECT BE PERSUADED TO AGREE TO GIVE BACK ARAB TERRITORIES
OCCUPIED SINCE THE 1967 WAR. AT THE SAME TIME, ISRAEL
SHOULD BE PERSUADED TO RECOGNIZE THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS
OF THE PALESTINIAN ARAB PEOPLES TO SELF-DETERMINATION.
LASTING PEACE BASED ON MUTUAL RESPECT AND ACCOMMODATION
CANNOT BUT BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF ISRAEL AND THE
ARABS AND INDEED THE WHOLE WORLD.

I AM HAPPY TO NOTE YOUR UNTIRING EFFORTS TO MAKE PEACE
IN THIS AREA POSSIBLE, AND I HOPE THAT THE MEETING
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